

NOMINATION FOR THE NORTH COAST REGIONAL STAKEHOLDERS GROUP

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Able to bring first-hand knowledge and perspective to bear on the marine resources of the MLPA North Coast Study Region:

I have lived and worked in Humboldt County since 1967. My profession was as a law enforcement officer, a deputy sheriff. I was employed by the Humboldt County Sheriff's Department for more than thirty-five years, attained the rank of Chief Deputy (second-in-command). During that time I was stationed from Orick in the northern portion of the county to Garberville in the south. I retired from the Sheriff's Department in 2002. During my career I was responsible for a period of time for the Department's marine program and the search and rescue unit. I oversaw and participated in many marine related search and rescues, including an aircraft accident at Shelter Cove in 1971 which had twenty-one casualties. During some incidents I acted as a liaison between the Department and the U.S. Coast Guard Group Humboldt Bay. For several years I was a member of the U. S. Coast Guard Reserve and was assigned both as a port security officer and a coxswain on a forty-four foot motor life boat. I was honorably discharged from the reserve in 1977 due to a Hoopa Outstation assignment in the Sheriff's Department.

Beginning in 1964 I sport fished the ocean waters from Westport in Mendocino County to Point St. George Reef in Del Norte County. Today I continue to fish those waters as well as areas of the Oregon coast and the east coast of Vancouver Island, British Columbia, Canada. I have had the opportunity to fish near shore for salmon, rockfish, crab and halibut and off shore for albacore and other exotics. For a period of five years, 1969 to 1973, I engaged in commercial salmon fishing from my own small boat out of the port of Shelter Cove.

Able to balance a north coast regional perspective with localized knowledge:

For the past five years I have become involved with numerous organizations and individuals associated with fishing and fisheries management. I have represented ocean sports fishermen within the Klamath Management Zone in the development of ocean salmon fishing season at the Pacific Fisheries Management Council (PFMC). The primary organization I represent is the Klamath Management Zone Fisheries Coalition (KMZFC). KMZFC is a bi-state organization reaching from Horse Mountain, near Shelter Cove in Humboldt County, California to Humbug Mountain in Curry County, Oregon. The Coalition is comprised of sports fishermen, commercial

fishermen, marine equipment and supply businesses and fisheries dependant business interests such as motels, recreational vehicle parks and restaurants. I have participated in the salmon season development at the Pacific Fisheries Management Council for the past four years and will again in 2010. This will involve two week long meetings, one in March in Sacramento, California and one in April in Portland, Oregon. Those week long events included California Delegation meetings each morning at 7 am, followed be a series of meetings with the Salmon Technical Team, Salmon Advisory Subpanel and the Scientific and Statistical Committee. All of those activities are in addition to main Council meetings which were carried on throughout the day. To date I have been successful in balancing the interest of this diverse group of persons and businesses while balancing the desire for salmon fishing with the constantly fluctuating salmon resource.

While focusing primarily on the salmon resource, I have become involved in the management of other fish species. This in turn has lead to my involvement in the protection of both ocean and freshwater environments, particularly the Klamath River system, in attempts to protect and conserve those environments.

As a result of my involvement with the PFMC, I have developed relationships with the members and employees of numerous local, regional, state, and federal agencies. These include: local sport and commercial fishing organizations, from south of San Francisco, California (Coastside Fishing Club), to north of Newport, Oregon (I Fish: Salty Dogs); the harbor districts in Humboldt and Del Norte counties; employees of California Department of Fish and Game and the California Department of Water Resources and employees of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, NOAA Fisheries and council members and employees of the PFMC.

Willing to express fundamental interests (as opposed to fixed positions) and to clearly convey the interests of one or more stakeholder group:

My experiences with the activities of the Pacific Fisheries Management Council have broadened my perspective relative the ocean resources and environment. I have begun to understand the effect that both acts of mankind and natural events have upon ocean and its inhabitants. While my experience and knowledge base relate to my time spent on or near the ocean in pursuit of my fishing hobby, I believe that it is incumbent on man to manage the ocean environment with the goal of sustaining a viable resource into the future.

As stated, I'm a sport fisherman, but I've become a capable representative for numerous other constituencies that rely upon the near shore environment for their livelihood and recreation. In addition to the sport and commercial fishing interest represented, I am involved with divers, kayakers, river advocacy organizations and non-fishing recreational boaters. Beyond those directly involved on or in the water, I communicate with local governmental officials i.e., county supervisors and harbor district directors. I also represent and communicate with business persons involved hospitality and restaurant businesses dependent upon ocean related activities as a significant share of their income.

Capable of working collaboratively, seeking to integrate the interests of the full range of constituencies:

Within each of four the organizations in which I participate, there is a diverse range of personalities, interests and perceptions. I have often been the person that centered the discussions and enabled the group to reach a consensus. Working with a bi-state organization such as the Klamath Management Zone Fisheries Coalition, one must not only consider the individual interest of the persons in the group, but also the lack of continuity in the regulations and laws from state to state.

While it was not a resource relate task, I'll provide an example of serious collaborative effort. I was chosen by the then Sheriff of Humboldt County to help design, construct and initiate a new operational philosophy for a new county correctional facility. This task required developing a plan with county administrative personnel and contract architects, pursuing grants funds from the State of California Board of Corrections (BOC), in open competition with numerous other counties under a set stringent guidelines established by the State. Once those items were successfully completed, it was time to bid the project and then negotiate (value engineer) the project to meet the available funding. It was then time to oversee the construction from prospective of efficiency and compliance with BOC regulations. That completed, the final tasks were to implement the new operational philosophy in the newly constructed facility and validate both the operational philosophy and the facility's linear design. Those tasks consumed over nine years of a thirty-five year career. The tasks were completed successfully.

Able to access and use an effective communication network to reach stakeholders not attending the public meetings:

The organizations I belong to or work with all have web based communication capability. These sites allow direct communications with the group as a whole or the ability to communicate directly and privately with any individual in the group. As a member of the board of directors of two of the organizations, Humboldt Area Saltwater Anglers (HASA), a sport fishing advocacy organization and the Klamath Management Zone Fisheries Coalition (KMZFC), I have direct communications with the decision makers in those organizations.

Both of the above organizations and several others that I am affiliated with have a significant interest in the appropriate implementation of the North Coast Region MPAs. As a result, there will be a number of general meetings and board meeting held directly related to the MLPA process.

Some organizations within Humboldt County, not directly involved with the MLPA process, have expressed an interest in maintaining a current knowledge of the events and progress of the process. Through the two organizations above, information can and will be disseminated and feedback will be collected. This will allow a broadening of the prospective relative to the implementation of the MPAs.

Committed to completing all aspects of the charge of the regional stakeholder group:

I became aware of the process during the initial array development on the South Central Region and participated in the North Central region process from the beginning. I have traveled, at my own expense, to attend both Blue Ribbon Taskforce meetings and California Fish and Game Commission meetings, including the Commission's adoption meeting For the North Central Region MPAs at the Yolo Flyer's Club.

I have attended all of the North Coast Region MLPA meetings to date. The meetings attended include the MLPA Initiative meetings and marine map training sessions, the NCR Scientific Advisory Team initial meeting and the NCR Blue Ribbon Task Force initial meeting.

As an individual sports fisherman and a member of several organizations with a vested interest in the appropriate implementation of MPAs, I have the interest, experience and ability to participate in the MLPA process in the North Coast Region. I am committed to seeing the process through to a successful completion.